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SUBJECT: CU/WE: FY 76 IVP - SAARBRUECKEN BICENTEN-
NIAL GROUP VISIT

REF: BONN 10617, 7/1/75; BONN 02561, 2/13/76

1. EMBASSY NOMINATES ADOLF BARTH, DEPUTY MAYOR OF SAARBRUECKEN, AND HANS HECK, MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL AND HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, FOR FY 76 PARTIAL IV GRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500 EACH. TWO WILL LEAD DELEGATION OF FIVE SAARBRUECKEN CITY OFFICIALS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS ON SPECIAL BICENTENNIAL TRIP TO U.S., MAY 21 TO JUNE 3, FOR VISITS TO WASHINGTON, ALLENTOWN AND NEW YORK. WHILE THE GRANTS WILL BE ISSUED TO BARTH AND HECK, THE TOTAL OF \$1000, TO BE CHARGED TO THE POST'S CURRENT FY CU ALLOCATION, WILL BE USED TO HELP DEFRAY DOMESTIC TRAVEL AND PER DIEM COSTS FOR THE ENTIRE GROUP. GERMAN-AMERICAN INSTITUTE IN SAARBRUECKEN WHICH IS ASSISTING IN PLANNING FOR TRIP INFORMS POST THAT BALANCE OF FUNDING WILL COME FROM CITY AND MEMBERS OF GROUP. BIO DATA FOR BARTH AND HECK BELOW. OTHER MEMBERS ARE ADOLF JANZ, CDU MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL; WALTER SCHNEIDER, SPD COUNCIL MEMBER; AND HANS SCHNUR, ALSO SPD COUNCIL MEMBER.

2. ESCORT/INTERPRETER REQUESTED FOR DATES IN ALLENTOWN AND WASHINGTON.

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3. TRAVEL SCHEDULE: MAY 21, ARRIVE NEW YORK VIA CHARTER FLIGHT; BY AIR TO ALLENTOWN MAY 24 AND STAY IN CITY THROUGH 30TH; TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON MAY 31 FOR STAY UNTIL JUNE 3 WHEN GROUP WILL RETURN TO NEW YORK FOR RETURN CHARTER FLIGHT TO GERMAN.

4. PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF TRIP IS SIX-DAY VISIT TO ALLENTOWN AT INVITATION OF MAYOR DADDONA. HOMESTAYS, MEETINGS WITH CITY OFFICIALS, VISITS TO SCHOOLS, INDUSTRIES, ETC. ARE BEING PLANNED FOR GROUP BY ALLENTOWN. TRIP IN WORKS SINCE LAST JULY WHEN MAYOR BARTH FIRST REQUESTED EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING EXCHANGE OF VISITS WITH ALLENTOWN. SISTER-CITY AFFILIATION NOT PROPOSED, BUT SAARBRUECKEN OFFICIALS VERY INTERESTED IN PROMOTING SERIES OF EXCHANGES WITH AMERICAN CITIES OF COMPARABLE SIZE BEGINNING WITH ALLENTOWN, AND MAYOR BARTH WILL EXTEND INVITATION TO MAYOR DADDONA TO RETURN VISIT NEXT YEAR. OTMAR JUNKER, BICENTENNIAL COORDINATOR AND CHIEF OF PROTOCOL FOR SAARLAND (SAARBRUECKEN IS CAPITAL), VISITED ALLENTOWN LAST NOVEMBER WHILE ON PARTIAL IV GRANT TO LAY GROUNDWORK FOR THIS TRIP AND STUDENT/TEACHER EXCHANGES BETWEEN TWO CITIES.

5. PROGRAMMING IN ALLENTOWN IS COVERED; IN NEW YORK GOETHE HOUSE WILL ASSIST GROUP. PROGRAMMING ASSISTANCE REQUESTED OF DEPARTMENT FOR WASHINGTON DATES ONLY. THERE THE FIVE WISH TO HAVE BRIEFING AT ARBA AND SEE BICENTENNIAL EVENTS; VISIT WHITE HOUSE AND SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE; AND GO TO CAPITOL HOPEFULLY TO MEET CONGRESSMAN. ONE OF PENNSYLVANIA MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE IN VIEW OF GROUP'S VISIT TO ALLENTOWN. DELEGATION WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN VISITING REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL PARTY HEADQUARTERS FOR DISCUSSION ON ELECTION, PARTICULARLY SINCE FRG FACES FEDERAL ELECTION IN EARLY OCTOBER. SAARBRUECKEN DELEGATION IS, INCIDENTALLY, BIPARTISAN.

6. BIO DATA:

NAME: ADOLF BARTH
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PRESENT POSITION: DEPUTY MAYOR OF SAARBRUECKEN;
CHAIRMAN OF CULTURAL COMMITTEE, CITY
COUNCIL; CHAIRMAN OF CULTURAL DEPARTMENT
SAARBRUECKEN CITY

PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH: FRIEDRICHSTHAL/SAAR; 3/27/1927

CITIZENSHIP: GERMAN

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6602 SAARBRUECKEN-DUDWEILER

PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO U.S.: IN 1975 FOR TWO WEEKS AS
TOURIST

KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH: INADEQUATE

- NAME: HANS HECK

PRESENT POSITION: PRINCIPAL OF HIGH SCHOOL; MEMBER
OF CITY COUNCIL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE;
CHAIRMAN OF CDU PARTY IN GERSWEILER
COUNTY

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: OTTENHAUSEN/SAAR; 9/23/1928

CITIZENSHIP: GERMAN

PERMANENT ADDRESS: BUCHENWEG 23,
6606 SAARBRUECKEN-GERSWEILER

PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO U.S.: NONE

KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH: INADQUATE
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